

October 14, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22, 2003
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 22, 2003**

| | <u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> | |
| 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. | 3. Information. |
| 4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest. | 4. Information and discussion. |
| 5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Consent items are marked with an asterisk. | 5. Approve the Consent Agenda. |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

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| *5A. <u>Approval of September 24, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u> | 5A. Review and approve September 24, 2003 meeting minutes. |
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| *5B. <u>Red Letter Notification</u> In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG | 5B. Information and discussion. |
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member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications for the first six months of 2003. Upon request any of the notices could be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. This Special TIP serves as a four-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. The Transportation Review Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP, including the respective errata sheets, for an air quality conformity analysis. In addition, this item is on the October 15, 2003 Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Approve the Draft Special FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

GENERAL ITEM

*5D. Approval of the Draft July 1, 2003 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates

On September 23, 2003, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended approval of the July 1, 2003 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Maricopa County Resident Population Update using the Housing Unit Method was prepared by the Department of Economic Security (DES) staff, using Census 2000 data as the base and housing unit and group

5D. Approve the Draft July 1, 2003 Maricopa County and Municipality Resident Population Updates provided that the final update is within one percent of 3.4 million people.

quarters data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies. The Municipality Resident Population Updates were prepared by MAG staff, using the same data. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions, and to set expenditure limitations where appropriate. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Updates. The State Population Technical Advisory Committee will consider these updates on October 24, 2003 and November 21, 2003. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

On September 24, 2003, the Regional Council unanimously approved the Regional Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis. This signifies the completion of an important step toward preparing for a May 18, 2004 election. The next step in the MAG process will be to complete the air quality conformity analysis and certify the Plan to the Governor and Legislature by November 30, 2003.

7. Memorandum of Understanding on a Regional Concept of Transportation Operations

The Regional Concept of Transportation Operations, included in the Unified Planning Work Program, was launched as a 12-month project in September 2002. The project's intent is to develop a regional strategy to improve transportation operations utilizing advanced technology-based ITS applications. The project is currently at about 95 percent completion. The final step in this project is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed by all the participating agencies, expressing regional support for the initiatives developed through the project. The Management Committee recommended approval of the MOU. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding on a Regional Concept of Transportation Operations for consideration by the MAG member agencies.

GENERAL ITEMS8. Update on Compiling Information on Regionally Significant Development Projects

On June 25, 2003, the Regional Council approved a policy for MAG to compile information on Regionally Significant Development Projects. The purpose of this effort is to provide MAG member agencies with the regional transportation costs of major development projects. Staff will provide an update on this effort. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Update on Domestic Violence Initiatives

In order to raise awareness about the growing problem of domestic violence and its impacts, MAG formed the Regional Domestic Violence Council in 1999. In observation of October as Domestic Violence Month, reports will be given on recent efforts to address domestic violence in the region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. 2004 Desert Peaks Awards

On February 26, 2003, the Regional Council voted not to hold the 2003 Desert Peaks event due to local budget conditions. On September 15, 2003, the Executive Committee discussed continuing with the 2004 Desert Peaks Awards event. The consensus was that the awards program is important to the region and that it should be continued. The Executive Committee reviewed various options and suggested that the awards be held in conjunction with the Regional Council meeting in June. The event has been restructured to begin with a reception, followed by the distribution of the awards at the annual Regional Council meeting. On October 8, 2003, in comments received from the Management Committee, there appeared to be support for restructuring the event, and with announcing the award recipients prior to the event. The Executive Committee will further discuss the program at their meeting on October 20th. Staff will provide an update on the Executive

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Approval of the restructuring of the 2004 Desert Peaks Awards Program.

Committee's discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group Update

The MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (MAGTAG), was formed by the Regional Council in 1994 to encourage the development of telecommunication infrastructure and applications which increase government efficiency, improve access to public information, and expedite delivery of local government services in the region. MAGTAG has completed a Regional Connections project and a Regional Community Network Study. Other projects underway include Digital Oasis and the Regional Videoconferencing System. In addition, To further these goals over the last year, MAGTAG has been conducting a series of informational sessions on telecommunications issues. A status report will be provided.

12. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

11. Information and discussion.

12. Information.